

## New Year's Eve Program at GAC To Be an Interactive Experience

by Konrad Herling

While the New Year's program at the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) will not replace the city's impressive array of "First Night" activities of years past, this celebration of community will be an interactive experience for the audience which should translate to an enjoyable way to conclude 2012. Inspired by numerous Greenbelters seeking a community-oriented program (most notably Michael Hartmann), we have put together a fun and entertaining program.

As is the case in any endeavor, it does "take a village."

Aside from the on-stage talent, many thanks are extended to Aaron Solomon, Tommy Zanner, Beverly Palau, Susan Barnett, Scott Candy, Sylvia Lewis, Barbara Havekost and Malia Murray.

The program will open with offerings of hot chocolate or hot cider for the audience to be followed by an interview with Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen, John Henry Jones, and his wife, Elaine Jones, very involved in Greenbelt activities herself. Footage from the Labor Day Festival when John Henry was announced as the honoree will

also be shown.

Greenbelt City Councilmember Emmett Jordan, who studied at the University of Cincinnati's Conservatory of Music, will move the program to his performance on guitar for a few pieces to be followed by Councilmember Konrad Herling, who will perform Bach's "Two-Part Invention No. 13." The two together will perform a duet of Herling's original piece, "Missing You," which will be a tribute to Greenbelters whose lives we

See **NEW YEAR'S**, page 9

## Stakeholder Meeting Recognizes Franklin Park's Improvements

by Thomas X. White

The Greenbelt City Council met on November 14 at the Community Center for its annual stakeholder session with management representatives of Franklin Park at Greenbelt Station. Also attending the meeting were City Manager Michael McLaughlin, Planning, Community Development Director Celia Craze and, representing the Greenbelt Police Department, Captain Thomas Kemp, Sgt. Marie Triesky and MPO Edward Holland. Triesky is a squad supervisor; Holland is the department's Partnership Officer for Franklin Park.

The evening's main topics were updates by city staff on resident complaints, upkeep and improvements at the apartment complex, outstanding property maintenance issues and violation notices. The annual inspection and licensing program and public safety were other issues. Craze and Kemp provided update reports in all of those areas.

Franklin Park representatives engaged council on a proposed pedestrian path from the apartments located at the end of Edmonston Road leading to and from the Springhill Lake Rec-

reation Center and Cherrywood Lane and recent lease of space for a community health clinic to be operated by Community Clinic, Inc. (CCI), a nonprofit community-based health care agency serving residents of Montgomery and Prince George's counties. CCI serves adults and children in need of primary health care and nutrition and food supplement services under the federal Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program.

In addition, Franklin Park

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## Board Responds to Excessive City Work in Forest Preserve

by Kathleen Gallagher

The Greenbelt Forest Preserve was a long time aborning. Just ask any of these folks who worked so hard to "Save the Green Belt." Or mention it to all the willing people who volunteered to serve on the Forest Preserve Task Force when the

city council adopted legislation in October 2003 to place more than 200 acres of city-owned woodland into initial areas of the preserve.

Even so, the ordinance was not without controversy. Although it was adopted unanimously by the city council, this might not have happened when it did except for swift motion by Councilmember Rodney Roberts to "call the question," bringing the issue to a vote without further discussion.

Both the city's Park & Recreation Advisory Board and its Youth Advisory Committee had argued to delay action until further consideration could be given to long-term plans for park and recreational needs.

The new legislation had bite: a city council could not remove

land from the preserve without a super-majority vote and unauthorized removal of natural resources from the preserve was a misdemeanor carrying a fine of \$1,000 per violation.

### Excessive Clearing

It was therefore not surprising that Ruth Kastner, present chair of the Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB), was astonished to see what she described as significant clearing of trees and vegetation in the preserve adjacent to the community garden plots and entrance to the Hamilton Cemetery. This occurred on Tuesday, November 20, just before the Thanksgiving weekend. Kastner knew this work had not come before FPAB and she wanted to know if the city had ordered it.

See **PRESERVE**, page 7

## American Education Week November 12 to 16, 2012

In celebration of American education, these columns tell the stories of selected teachers from the schools that serve the Greenbelt community.

This week readers will get a glimpse inside Greenbelt Middle School and Springhill Lake Elementary School (starting on page 6). In coming weeks we will visit Turning Point Academy. In previous weeks we featured Greenbelt and Magnolia Elementary Schools and Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

## Learning to Speak Spanish At Greenbelt Middle School

by Amy S. Hansen

Walk into Kendal Galiber's room and you'd better be ready to speak Spanish. One of the first phrases she teaches her students is "How do you say . . . in Spanish?" So even when they're goofing around, kids should be practicing and getting comfortable in a new language.

Galiber, a first-year teacher at Greenbelt Middle School (GMS), is in her eighth year of teaching middle schoolers in the county. "I like the silliness, the goofiness of middle school," she says explaining her choice of age group. "They're still playful. Not too old for games or prizes."

Her classes aren't quiet work periods – or at least not usually. Students come in and start on the warm-up activity. If the warm-up is a review, they may be talking with a partner.

For the main part of the class, she asks students to use new vocabulary words in a new format, such as writing a free-form



Kendal Galiber

poem in Spanish. Then they may present their work or talk with partners again. For a few classes, students watched the movie *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* in Spanish, practicing their listening and understanding.

See **GALIBER**, page 6

## Brooks Teaches Health, Good Choices at GMS

by Amy S. Hansen

Becoming an educated adult means learning more than Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic. And in Danielle Brooks' health class at Greenbelt Middle School (GMS), students learn some of the basics.

"This is real life," says Brooks. Every kid in the Maryland public school system has to take health in middle school and high school. Her classes discuss the consequences of choices they will need to make in life.

One of many posters in her room shows The Health Triangle. One side is physical, one side is emotional and the last side is social. The sides support each other, a point Brooks wants the kids to think about as they face difficult issues. For example, at some point everyone decides to smoke or not to smoke. Brooks wants kids to understand what happens physically (as well as emotionally and socially), when people smoke.

The classes also discuss bul-



Danielle Brooks

lying, drugs and sex – sensitive topics for any age. But getting middle schoolers to open up seems like a tall order. Her approach is to be open, no-nonsense and respectful.

"I try to meet the kids where they are and where I am. I have

See **BROOKS**, page 6

### What Goes On

**Monday, December 31**  
noon to 12:15 p.m., Polar Plunge, Outdoor Pool

**Tuesday, January 1** –  
City and Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) Offices Closed in Observance of the New Year holiday

**Saturday, January 5**  
10 a.m. to noon, Geotrail 2013 Kick-off Events, Geocaching, Greenbelt Youth Center



# Early 2013 Renovations For Old Greenbelt Theatre

by Thomas X. White

At the close of 2012 it appears the long-awaited renovations to the city-owned Old Greenbelt Theatre may be underway early in 2013.

Planning for major renovations for the historic theater began almost as soon as the city purchased the theater from the Roosevelt commercial center owners more than a decade ago. The main reasons for delay have been lack of adequate capital funding for necessary renovations, determination of what specific improvements were most needed and whether the project should be done all at once or in phases. According to Celia Craze, director of the city's Planning and Community Development Department, the start of the renovation project could get the green light early in 2013.

The estimated budget for the project is about \$800,000, an

amount possibly increased by additional grant funding from the state or other organizations. Craze estimates the project could take from three to six months for completion. It is the city's belief that proposed renovations would require the theater be closed while work is underway.

The actual renovation and improvements being considered include primarily the theater lobby and entrance areas, the bathrooms, projection room, possibly the exit doors from the theater area and possible removal of some seats in the theater to better accommodate handicapped patrons. Also planned are technology upgrades for the theater screen and movie projection equipment. Craze noted that these technology upgrades may be candidates for possible grant funding.

Timing and planning issues will be subject to final approval by council early in 2013.

## 75th Anniversary

# The Income Restrictions For Pioneer Applicants

In the Greenbelt News Review issue on December 20, Sally Sims Stokes addresses how the 1937 pioneer families of Greenbelt were selected. She listed employer, family size, religion and race. Not included was income limits.

According to Cathy D. Knepper, page 31 of Greenbelt, Maryland: A Living Legacy of the New Deal, published in 2001: "The FSA used several criteria to select the 885 families. Income limits eliminated many prospective residents. The Resettlement Administration originally stated that Greenbelt residents would be low income workers but later altered the norm to modest income.

The income range allowable for a family of four was between \$1,100 and \$2,000 and for a family of five between \$1,200 and \$2,100. Families with incomes \$50 above or below these limits were accepted if they met the other guidelines. The small size of the units dictated that only families with six members or

fewer could be accepted. Heads of families had to be at least 21 years of age; families of younger children received preferential consideration."

Knepper further notes, on pages 32-33: "The original selection plan stated: 'The family should desire to meet objectives of the community, namely to raise their standard of living by taking advantage of the improved living conditions offered; as well as to participate in a cooperative-minded community for the mutual advantage of the group both from the economic and social standpoints.' To make decisions on these factors, a staff investigator conducted a home interview, determining if a genuine need existed for adequate housing and if the family seemed economically stable. FSA staff obtained credit data on prospective residents, as well as information from employers and landlords."

— Judith Ransom Bell  
Daughter of Frame  
Home Pioneers  
Mary and Bill Ransom

# Letters

## THANKS!

The Greenbelt Lions Club wishes to thank the community for its generous support of our toy drive. With your help we distributed over 600 toys to those in need. We especially thank Beltway Plaza Mall, the Co-op Grocery Store and the Community Center for allowing us to place toy collection boxes.

Ron Wells  
Greenbelt Lions Club  
Toy Coordinator



## Holiday Deadlines, Schedule Changes

**New Year's Week Issue** – Dated Thursday, January 3  
Advertising and Copy Deadline: SUNDAY 12/30  
**Holiday Office Hours:**  
Thursday, 12/27 – Saturday, 12/29 – CLOSED  
Sunday 12/30 – 2 to 4 p.m., 8 to 10 p.m.  
Monday 12/31 – Sunday 1/6 – CLOSED

All articles, photos, announcements and advertisements must reach us by no later than Sunday at 10 p.m., sooner if possible. Please note that we will not be able to accept additional material for these issues after the stated deadlines.

The News Review is grateful for everyone's help in submitting their advertisements and copy as early as possible so the special holiday schedule will work. Please call us at 301-474-4131 if there are any questions. Happy Holidays to All!

## Corrections

In last week's What Goes On we incorrectly stated Greenbelt Homes, Inc. would be closed on Monday, December 24. They were actually open all day Christmas Eve, though closed on Tuesday. The News Review regrets the

## Grin Belt



"Just pretend there is snow!"

## On Screen

# Les Miserables Christmas Day

Director Tom Hooper's (The King's Speech) opulent, star-studded adaptation of Les Miserables comes to the Old Greenbelt Theatre on Christmas Day. In a risky maneuver, Hooper has almost all the dialogue sung, not spoken, by Hugh Jackman (Jean Valjean), Russell Crowe (Inspector Javert), Anne Hathaway (Fantine) and Amanda Seyfried (Cosette), to name only four.

Rating: PG13. Running Time: 2 hours, 40 minutes.

— Jim Link

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DEADLINES: Letters, Articles and ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$40/year.

Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.  
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## Landscape Rules for GHI Units

On Thursday, December 6, the GHI Board accepted a final version of proposed rules changes for landscaping, in the form of revisions to section X of the Member's Handbook.

To see the draft criteria, either pick up a hard copy at the Administration Building, or go to [www.ghi.coop](http://www.ghi.coop)

Comments should be submitted via email to [rseecharran@ghi.coop](mailto:rseecharran@ghi.coop) or written notes can be delivered to the Administration Office, Attn: Rean

All comments are due by January 11, 2013

## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF DEC 28

### Les Miserables (PG-13)

**FRIDAY-TUESDAY**  
\*1, \*4:15, 7:30

**WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY**  
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# Community Events

## GHI Notes

Tuesday, January 1, Office Closed (New Year's Day). For Emergency Maintenance Service, call 301-474-6011

Friday, January 4, Office Closed. For Emergency Maintenance Service, call 301-474-6011

Tuesday, January 8, 8:30 a.m., Yardlines Committee Meeting – GHI Library

7:30 p.m., Nominations and Elections Committee Meeting – GHI Library

Thursday, January 10, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting – GHI Board Room

Saturday, January 12, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Note: Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

## At the Library

The library will be closed on Monday, December 31 and Tuesday, January 1 for the New Year's holiday. Regular library hours resume on Wednesday, January 2.

**Storytimes**

On Wednesdays and Thursdays a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props. Pick up a free ticket from the information desk before the session.

Wednesday, January 2, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years.

Thursday, January 3, 10:30 a.m., Toddler Time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver.

For details visit the Greenbelt branch, call 301-345-5800 or visit the website at [pgcmls.info](http://pgcmls.info).

## Polar Plunge Is Monday

On Monday, December 31 from noon to 12:15 p.m. the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center will host the annual Polar Plunge. Those over age 8 are welcome to say goodbye to 2012 with a New Year's Eve dip in the now-icy outdoor pool.

The admission fee includes use of the indoor pool following the plunge. Donations will also be accepted at the event to support Special Olympics.

## GAFC New Year's Resolution Swim

A 2013 New Year's Day resolution swim for ages 8 and above will be held at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center on Tuesday, January 1 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. Lap swimming and water walking are available. There is a fee.

Private lane rentals at extra cost are also available from 9 to 10 a.m., 10 to 11 a.m. and 11 a.m. to noon.

For more information call 301-397-2204, ext. 2180. The Aquatic & Fitness Center is at 101 Centerway.

## City Notes

Animal Control staff reports six cats and two dogs were adopted, five kittens and two dogs were found running at large, one dog was returned to its owner and seven cruelty cases were opened.

Refuse/Recycling crews collected 25.34 tons of refuse and 15.09 tons of co-mingled recyclable material.

Youth Center/Springhill Lake/Park Rangers staff reports Santa and his elves completed their Recreation Department duties by calling 40+ children from the North Pole.

There are 22 children currently signed up for the Winter Countdown Camp scheduled for December 26 to 28 at the Youth Center.

Aquatic and Fitness Center staff reports 79 passes to the Shuttle UM have been sold.

Thirteen people are registered for the Polar Plunge and six people have reserved private lanes for the Resolution Swim.

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## Spreading Holiday Cheer



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Girl Scouts from Troop 5859 Jenny, Viola, Naomi, Mary Alyce and Elizabeth went caroling in central Greenbelt.

# The Bus

Seniors and Customers with Disabilities **RIDE FREE**



## The Greenbelt Arts Center presents

# An Evening with Friends

# A Celebration of Community

## New Year's Eve, 730 pm – 1145 pm

\$10, \$5 for those under 18  
(If you can recite the Community Pledge, you get in for free)

Hot cocoa and cider for the community warm up. Comedy, Video Highlights from the Labor Day Festival, Interviews, Music and more. Some specifics:

- Interview with Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen, the inimitable John Henry Jones and his wife, Elaine
- Music Performances by  
Emmett Jordan on Guitar  
Konrad Herling on Piano  
Duet performance of an original tribute piece, "Missing You"  
Geff King and Doug Way on guitar playing some bluegrass
- Theater: Doug Love's short original play "Man of the Century"
- A Roundtable Discussion with folks from a variety of walks of life in Greenbelt  
What Greenbelt has been like to grow up in/live in  
How do we envision Greenbelt in its 100th anniversary year?
- Karaoke - It's Your Turn; Don't worry, it's not a tryout for "American Idol"
- Dancing to the tunes of Greenbelt's decades: From Glenn Miller to Frank Sinatra to the Beatles, Elvis, Stevie Wonder to Lady Gaga.
- Post show: Join folks attending events at the Arts Center, New Deal Café and Movie Theater at Roosevelt Center to sing Auld Lang Syne and light up Greenbelt's Theater Marquee Letters to bring in the New Year at midnight.



For more information, call the Arts Center at (301) 441-8770 or Konrad at (301) 345-9369.



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December 31 - An Evening with Friends - A Celebration of Community

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**FRIDAY, DEC. 28 – THURSDAY, JAN. 3**

Parental Guidance, PG

11:40, 1:50, 4:40, 7:10, 9:35

Django: Unchained, R (!)

11:25, 2:45, 3:35, 6, 6:45, 9:30, 10:15

Jack Reacher, PG-13 (!)

11:35, 12:35, 2:35, 7, 10

GuiltTrip, PG-13

11:50, 2:05, 4:50, 7:30, 9:45

Monsters, Inc. in 2D, G (!)

11:25, 1:40, 7:20

Monsters, Inc. in 3D, G (!)

3:45, 9:30

The Hobbit in 2D, PG-13 (!)

11:15, 6:40

The Hobbit in 3D, PG-13 (!)

3, 10:10

Skyfall, PG-13

9:35

Rise of the Guardians, PG

11:25, 2:15, 4:30, 7:15



# Obituaries

## Frederick P. Baluch

Longtime former Greenbelter Frederick P. Baluch, 88, died on Sunday, November 18, 2012, at his Greenbelt residence on Southway surrounded by family and friends.

He worked for the Washington, D.C., public schools from 1950 until 1979 as a teacher and later as a principal of Emery Elementary School in Northeast Washington, D.C. After retirement he moved to the Rainbow Farm in Freeport, Ohio.

In recent years, the Baluchs have divided their time between the farm in Ohio and Greenbelt.

Mr. Baluch is survived by his wife Dorothy, children Frederick P. Baluch, Jr., of Clinton, Md., Stephen J. Baluch of Shepherdstown, W. Va., and James T. Baluch of Norfolk, Va. (partner Teri Esposito); daughters Barbara Stevens (Patrick McCauley) and her son Shawn Haines (spouse Rebecca and daughter Molly); Ruth M. Baluch of Freeport, Ohio (spouse Gene Reavis) and daughter Lisa Groh (spouse Michael); Dorothy A. Dobson of Greenbelt (spouse Norman, step-daughter Theresa Smith and sons Nicholas and Matthew); Robert F. Baluch and John K. Baluch of Greenbelt.

A celebration of Mr. Baluch's life will be held on Sunday, December 30 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Greenbelt American Legion.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Capital Caring Hospice Services, 1801 McCormick Drive, Suite 180, Largo, MD 20744.

## Pauline Grant

Pauline Grant of Greenbelt died peacefully on December 12, 2012.

Born on July 29, 1926 (Pauline Thelma Edwards) in Wales to Mae Elyse Edwards "Bobbie" and Reginald Edwards, a fourth generation master butcher; sister to twin Jessamine Horwich of Torquay, England, brother Dale Edwards of Horsham and late brother Gordon Edwards of Brixham.

She married George Henry Grant of Wimbledon, England, in September 1947. They lived in Edinburgh, Scotland and Cheltenham, England, for several years before sailing on the Queen Mary to better opportunities in the U.S.A. They arrived in New York in October 1953 after a very rough voyage. Their new life started in an apartment on Harvard Street in Washington, D.C., where they worked during

the day in a large family house as maid and butler. At night, Pauline cooked and baked while George announced and served guests at the embassy parties. They had three girls – Susan born in 1956, Linda in 1958 and Carol in 1961. Their son Philip was born in 1965 after the family moved to a new home in the suburbs of Maryland.

Mrs. Grant was an educator at heart and never missed an opportunity to teach every child available a lesson. She taught about self-discipline and duty, getting your responsibilities taken care of first (and then you can play), manners are important – be considerate of those around you. She also loved languages and worked for many years in the foreign language department for Prince George's County Schools.

She was an avid reader and

read stories every night to her children. Later she liked to read biographies and was always interested in real people and their lives. She was also a prolific writer of letters and notes letting you know exactly how she was feeling and how you might learn from it. She enjoyed playing cards and board games especially Scrabble. Her mother taught her to knit and she crafted hand-made scarves for just about everyone she knew.

In 1971 Mrs. Grant became a U.S. citizen. During this time, she worked at the Palmer Park Recreation Center, where she sewed Sugar Ray Leonard's first boxing robe and helped coach him on good communication.

She loved to bake, especially pastries and puddings. Dessert

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## CPAE Photography Club Meets Friday

Photography buffs may want to participate in The Underexposed, the photography club sponsored by College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE). Meetings are held Friday evenings from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park.

For details visit [www.facebook.com/groups/photo20740/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/photo20740/).



## North Tract Kids' Class On Insect Hibernation

On Saturday, December 29 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Patuxent North Tract, children ages 8 to 10 can learn what happens to bugs in winter in a special program called Winter Buggin'. Discover the ways butterflies, mosquitoes, wasps and other insects survive winter's freezing temperatures.

Advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5766. The North Tract is on Rt. 198 between B-W Parkway and Rt. 32.

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**Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe**

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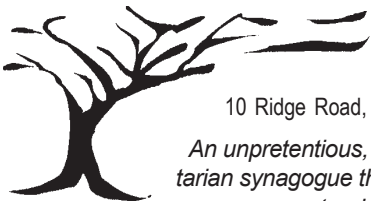
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justice, choose thou for thy  
neighbour that which thou  
choosest for thyself.  
(Baha'u'llah)

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## St. George's Episcopal Church

*Join us around a table where all are welcome!*

Services  
• Sundays  
8 a.m. simple, quiet service (no music)  
10 a.m. main service  
(music includes a mixture of acoustic guitar, piano and organ music)

• Wednesdays  
7 p.m. service with healing prayers (no music)

7010 Glenn Dale Road (Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)  
301-262-3285 | [rector@stgeo.org](mailto:rector@stgeo.org) | [www.stgeo.org](http://www.stgeo.org)



## Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Hillside & Crescent Roads  
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings

[www.greenbeltucc.org](http://www.greenbeltucc.org)

Sunday Worship

10:15 a.m.

Clara Young, Interim Pastor

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**Greenbelt**  
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## CHANGING HEARTS CHANGING LIVES

A video seminar on the  
Biblical need for change  
and how it works.

Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup> to  
Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>

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information.*

Worship Service 11:00am

December 30<sup>th</sup>

"Does Life Have a Point?"

*Ecclesiastes*

January 6<sup>th</sup>

"Who is Jesus? A Prophet"

January 13<sup>th</sup>

Guest Speaker: Dr. Jim Mook

January 20<sup>th</sup>

"Who is Jesus? A Priest"

January 27<sup>th</sup>

"Who is Jesus? A King"



**Catholic  
Community  
of Greenbelt**

**SUNDAY MASS, 10:00 AM**  
**MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**SERVE BREAKFAST**  
**AT S.O.M.E.**

**Sunday, December 30**  
**Meet at St. Hugh's School**  
**Parking Lot, 6:00 AM**



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was served after every meal. She also enjoyed preparing the daily family meal and could feed a family of six all week with one chicken.

She had a natural green thumb and seemed to know exactly what a plant needed to do well. She loved being in the garden and often visited the Washington Arboretum to commune with nature. She also loved the beach and wrote about her longing to be near the water. Whenever possible, the family went to Rehoboth Beach for a week during the summer.

A talented artist, Mrs. Grant enjoyed and supported the arts in every way. She herself loved to paint with oils, do ceramics/pottery and take photographs, especially of flowers and plants. She also loved and supported the opera guild and enjoyed small theater productions.

She was always involved with her church and worked on the garden committee for many years. After a trip to Tanzania to help build desks for the Mlangi Day School, she longed to go back and help the children in Africa. She maintained a relationship with the church in Tanzania and did return again in 2008.

She was an avid supporter of local politicians and long-time friend to Congressman Steny Hoyer. She looked forward to helping out at his annual bull roast. Her free time was never wasted and she put in over 1,500 volunteer hours in the hospital emergency room after retiring from her job with the school system at age 65.

Her husband George Henry Grant and brother Gordon Edwards preceded her in death.

She is survived by her four children and their spouses, Susan Lamar, Linda DeVincent, Carol Gilchrist and Philip Grant; twin sister Jessamine Horwich and 10 grandchildren; a great-grandchild, with another on the way; nieces and nephews also survive. Her many close friends and neighbors will miss the color and light she brought into their lives. She wanted everyone to know that she tried to leave the world a better place than she found it.

A celebration of her life will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church, 11040 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville on Saturday, January 12 at 10 a.m.

Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her name to St. John's Episcopal Church, 11040 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705.

Budget Award Earned By City of Greenbelt


The City of Greenbelt has again been awarded the Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association.

This award, presented to City Manager Michael McLaughlin, is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting and represents a significant achievement for the city. McLaughlin singled out Anne Marie Belton, Beverly Palau, David Moran and Jeff Williams for praise.

In addition, the monthly financial report for November indicates that Greenbelt remains on target for the current fiscal year.



# City Information



## POLAR PLUNGE

### New Year's Eve, 2012!

Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center


*Say goodbye to 2012 with a New Year's Eve dip in the icy outdoor pool. Donations will be collected at the event to support Special Olympics.*



The outdoor pool will open from noon to 12:15pm on December 31, 2012 for all brave enough to take a dip.

Register at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness center front desk:  
Activity number: 181101  
Fee: \$15 Ages 8 & Up





## The Maryland Municipal League

# Geotrail 2013

## Kick-Off Event:

### City of Greenbelt


**Saturday, January 5**

**10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

**Greenbelt Youth Center**

**99 Centerway, Greenbelt MD 20770**

**Weather & Information Hotline: 301.474.0646**






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A huge thanks to the MML Geotrail Gold Sponsors!



### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Tuesday, January 1st, in observance of the New Year's Holiday.

### REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of December 31st

Monday Route – Regular Schedule

Tuesday Route – Collected Wednesday

Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday

Thursday Route – Collected Friday

There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, January 4th.

**GREENBELT CONNECTION** will not operate on Tuesday, January 1st.

### Jazzercise

is continuing in 2013 at the Greenbelt Community Center

Instructor Val Browne will begin January 7th

Monday & Wednesdays @ 7pm

For information please call 301-351-2569

### Help Greenbelt win a FREE website make-over!

Take a short survey at <http://civicplus.checkboxonline.com/Digital-Citizen-Engagement-Survey.aspx>

Links to the survey are also available at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov) and at [www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt](http://www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt)

### Christmas Tree Collection

Your discarded Christmas tree can be recycled. The Public Works Department will pickup trees at the locations listed below and process them through the wood chipper. The chips will be used as mulch around trees and flower beds. Please bring trees to any of the following areas up until February 8, 2013.

**GHI**

- Ridge Road, 73 Court (opposite playground)
- Plateau Place and Ridge Road (corner on playground side)
- Research Road and Hillside Road (corner)
- Ridge Road, 44 Court (Area near playground)
- Eastway and Crescent Road (corner)
- Ridge Road, 21 Court (across from Green Ridge House)
- Crescent Road and Ridge Road (playground at junction)
- Parkway (corner across from 58 Court Crescent Road)
- Parkway (corner across from Community Church)
- Southway, 7 Court (playground at Little League field)
- Ridge Road, 11 Court and 13 Court (area between courts)

**Boxwood**

- Ivy Lane and Lastner Lane (playground)

**Lakewood**

- Greenhill Road and Crescent Road (by Baptist Church)

**Charlestowne Village and Charlestowne North**

- Charlestowne Village and Charlestowne North (property adjacent to Attick Park)

**University Square**

- University Square (in front of swimming pool)

**Lakeside North**

- Near Swimming pool

**Franklin Park**

- Springhill Lake (community building)

**Greenbriar**

- Greenbriar (between 7708 and 7710 Hanover Parkway)
- Greenbriar (between 7728 and 7730 Hanover Parkway)
- Greenbriar (between 7826 and 7828 Hanover Parkway)
- Greenbriar (between 8003 and 8009 Mandan Road)

**Glen Oaks**

- Glen Oaks (between 7903 and 7905 Mandan Road)
- Glen Oaks (between 7509 and 7511 Mandan Road)

**Hunting Ridge**

- Hunting Ridge (between 6936 and 6978 Hanover Pkwy)

**Windsor Green**

- Windsor Green (court entrances, picked up by Windsor Green staff)

**Greenbrook Village and Estates**

- Greenbrook Village and Estates (Southeast corner of Ora Glen Drive and Mathew Drive)
- Greenbrook Village and Estates (Southeast corner of Hanover Pkwy and Greenbrook Drive)
- Greenbrook Village and Estates (in front of barricade at Mandan Road and Mathew Street)

**Greenwood Village**

- Greenwood Village (opposite 8175 Mandan Terrace)
- Greenwood Village (opposite 7646 Mandan Road)
- Greenwood Village (opposite 7648 Mandan Road)

**Greenspring and Greenspring II**

- Greenspring and Greenspring II (Southwest corner of Megan Lane and Craddock Road)
- Greenspring and Greenspring II (park area between 7926 and 8006 Greenbury Drive)
- Greenspring and Greenspring II (corner of Spring Manor Drive and Springshire Way)
- Greenspring and Greenspring II (open area between 6519 and 6515 Springcrest Drive)

**Belle Point**

- Belle Point (corner of Vanity Fair Dr. and Prince James Way)
- Belle Point (open area between 7800 and 7801 Vanity Fair Dr.)
- Belle Point (open area beside 7962 Vanity Fair Drive)

**Greenbelt Village**

- Open area between 6729 and 6715 Village Park Drive
- Open area across from 6632 Lake Park Drive



## Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center

101 Centerway  
Greenbelt MD 20770  
301-397-2204

Stop in for the day or purchase a monthly or annual membership! Located in the heart of Greenbelt, we offer a 25m outdoor pool (open during the summer), a 25yd heated indoor pool, a hot tub, a fitness wing, and an wide array of classes including:

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- Water Exercise Classes (including AquaZumba)



**VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on:

Advisory Planning Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability

**For information call 301-474-8000.**



# Barulli Thrilled by the Big Aha! Moment

by Jim Link

Ashley Barulli has spent her whole teaching career at Springhill Lake Elementary School – nine years total – seven as a second grade teacher, two in the third grade. I suggested that they must have liked her so much when she did her student teaching there, they didn’t want to let her go. A tad shyly, Barulli said “the staff here really grows on you; they become like a family. I just don’t want to leave . . .”

In addition to teaching the usual litany of subjects – “Everything. Reading, writing, English, social studies, science,” Barulli even teaches health sometimes, “when there’s no specialist to do it, no PE teacher – then I do it.”

Another oddity of her job is that her students’ families are disproportionately transient. The children of military personnel from Andrews Air Force Base and elsewhere occasionally arrive and leave in the middle of the semester.

“A new one enrolled yesterday (December 4); this means the roll changes; it is hard; I’m not sure what skills he has, what he’s been taught or if he has learned it. Can he tell time? Has he learned synonyms, antonyms yet? I do a lot of assessing on the spot.”

Barulli also has “a bag ready” for newcomers with a name tag, paper, pencils, the tools of the student trade.

She teaches how to tell time – digital and analog – so that students will know the difference between “eleven-thirty, 11:30, and half past eleven.”



Ashley Barulli

## Poet Tree

As she gives me a tour of her classroom I notice a big green “Poet – Tree” on the bulletin board. Its branches illustrate rhyme, repetition, assonance, alliteration and other poetic maneuvers. Barulli shows me “School Daze Rap” by Bruce Lansky, one of her stack of poetry anthologies she keeps in the classroom.

Barulli has the students stage brief plays, especially during the holiday season: The Grinch, Polar Express, Gingerbread Boy. Sensing my interest, she asks “So you want to see a demo?”

“Sure!”

And right there on her I-phone she showed me her little darlings acting out a fishing expedition – throwing out invisible lines, reeling in invisible fish, having a ball.

She teaches thematic units – in social studies, for example, she taught elections as a theme during the presidential campaign. “So I taught them when African-Americans got the vote, when women got the vote.”

This led to questions about slavery and migrating westward. So we did a little bit of work about wagon trains.”

“Why did you choose teaching as a career?”

Pause. “No profound reason. I always enjoyed being with kids. I babysat a lot.”

“Any role models?”

“No. My family has a few teachers, though. My dad got a teaching degree and worked in trucking and construction before finally teaching. He became a high school vice principal in New Jersey. My uncle taught high school biology in New Jersey, too.”

“Do you take work home?”

Big sigh here. “Yes, I have to take paperwork home – planning, grading, making charts . . . it makes for a long day. I have a four-year-old son (Luke); I drop him off at 6:30 a.m. and pick him up on the way home (to Annapolis).”

Barulli also teaches English to Spanish speaking ESOL students from 2 to 4 p.m.

“What thrills you the most, professionally?”

Predictably perhaps, Barulli said that the big Aha! moment when her students get what she’s teaching thrills her enormously.

“You are obviously very happy here. What frustrates you, if anything?”

After mulling a long while, as if she were compelled to come up with a beef, Barulli said that “planning and paperwork are time consuming and you have to follow the data – everything is

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“I want them to use the language as much as possible,” Galiber says.

Her job is to teach Introduction to Spanish and Spanish I. Many students at GMS had never studied a foreign language and her goal is to provide them “manageable chunks of the language.”

However, she also has a large population of native speakers in her classes. All students in the Talented and Gifted program are required to take a foreign language. Since GMS offers only Spanish, native speakers are there with their classmates and she pushes the curriculum with those students. “Some are speakers but not writers or readers,” she explains. “If we are reading a fairy tale as a class, I have them rewrite the fairy tale from the point of view of a different character.” Ultimately she would like to see GMS offer another language for these students.

Galiber came into teaching almost accidentally. She was fluent in Spanish after majoring in Spanish Language and Literature at the University of

Maryland College Park, but she didn’t know what came next. “I was sure I didn’t want to teach but didn’t know what I would do,” she says. Her mother suggested she substitute-teach while she thought about career options.

To her surprise, she found she really liked the classroom. The next year Galiber finished the resident teacher program at Kenmoor Middle School, staying there for seven years before moving to GMS.

“I like it here. The kids have strong skills and I get a good sense of teamwork and community from the rest of the staff,” she says. She adds that the teachers hang out in the hallways and talk. Her own projects overlap other disciplines, including history, science and language arts.

Galiber enjoys her classroom, but she would love to see the classroom enhanced. “Ideally, I’d like a language lab with listening stations, computers in the desks so students could manipulate the words and a network of native speakers to come in and talk with the kids.” And then have kids answer in Spanish, she adds.

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no problem telling them about me,” she says. And for much of the class, she gets the students to drive the projects.

## Small Groups

Her classes of 25 to 30 kids divide into small groups. The whole class hears the goal of the lesson. “Then I want them to answer, ‘How can we reach this goal?’” She says that individual groups discuss projects and create the rubric for their grades. “I get them to buy in.”

Brooks has been teaching at GMS since 2004 and also is the school’s scheduler. Before GMS she taught at Gwynn Park Middle School for four years. In addition she also taught Saturday high school. She mentors a group at GMS called the Golden Girls of Greenbelt.

While every student is required to take health, Brooks agrees that aiming to become a health teacher is unusual. She was the only student in her year at Delaware State University who majored in health solely. (Many others do health and physical education, she said.)

Brooks career inspiration

came from her mom in a science field; her dad in education; and her own health teacher at Largo High School. “[He] was the best teacher. He just made everything so interesting.”

## Should Get an A

She also strives not to overwhelm students by providing manageable amounts of information at one time. She answers with a laugh the rumors that health class is an easy A. “Absolutely. There is no reason someone should not get an A. But you do have to do your work.”

Brooks loves the classroom, but plans eventually to move on to a position of school leadership. She also enjoys going to school herself, having finished a master’s degree in school administration at Bowie State University. She hopes to go on for a doctorate in education law.

In the meantime she creates a safe place for students to learn about choices they face. “They ask me everything,” she says. “Sometimes kids I don’t know ask me questions. And they’ll say anything and everything to me – but they say it respectfully.”

# Octavia Gomes Enjoys Special Ed Challenge

by Jim Link

Octavia Gomes is one busy young woman. As a first grade special education teacher at Springhill Lake Elementary School, she is immersed in the lives and concomitant educational bureaucracy connected to her 26 six-to-seven year olds, almost from dawn to dusk.

Her workday begins with breakfast in the classroom with her charges at 7:30 a.m. “Pancakes, milk, O.J.,” says Gomes. “It’s free even for the teachers – very healthful.” Her students go home at 1:55 p.m. Gomes concocts lesson plans, tutors English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) kids for extra pay until 4:30 p.m., then takes paperwork home every night.

Gomes doesn’t whine about the busyness. “My principal (Natasha Jenkins) and colleagues are very supportive; there’s a lot of record keeping, but it’s worth it.” The rewards of teaching are many, she says.

“I love working with the children – building relationships with them. They are so curious and earnest. Their faces light up when they get it, whatever ‘it’ is that I’m teaching. One boy was struggling with reading – suddenly he understood three-letter words and his eyes just lit up.”

## Co-teachers

Gomes is a master of multitasking. She juggles her intricate workload with co-teacher Darcie Manosa.

“We work together all day in the classroom. She teaches the general education students (20



Octavia Gomes

and I teach the special ed students (6), but necessarily we have a mixture of both.”

Gomes and Manosa have arranged the classroom into group tables of four to six kids each. Each “team” then thought up its own catchy nickname: Superflash, Kings and Queens, the Hockeyes, the Cheetahs.

Fatuous reporter: “The Cheetahs don’t cheat, do they?”

Gomes: “No, no, of course not.”

“I use lots of resources, especially on the internet,” Gomes says. “For example, at home, I’ll find out which tactic works best to teach them to count by 10s, then use the video in the classroom.” She showed me then how she hooks up her laptop and flashes the lesson onto a thick white plastic board.

When I ask Gomes what she teaches, the curriculum content, she gives the immediate standard answer: “Everything. English, science, reading, writing, social studies.”

Moi: “And you have ESOL students, too?”

Gomes: “Yes, we have a big ESOL Hispanic population here from El Salvador and elsewhere and from Cameroun, too (French). My Spanish and French help me teach them English.”

Very impressed reporter: “You are trilingual!”

Gomes: “No. I speak Spanish but I’m not Hispanic. I’m hardly flawless but I am proficient. It’s very helpful to conduct parent-teacher conferences in Spanish.”

“Why Spanish if you aren’t Hispanic?”

“I’m just interested in the culture. I learned Spanish in second grade, French in first grade in Scotch Pines, N. J.” The New Jersey native has an undergraduate degree and a master’s in education from the University of Maryland, College Park.

## Winding Up

Winding up the interview, I ask Gomes, “How do you keep your sanity?”

Gomes, laughing: “Deep breaths, very deep breaths. And I vent at home at my housemate, an audiologist. And she vents at me.”

Gomes: “I notice you are left-handed.”

Moi: “Yes.”

Gomes: “Me, too.”

Moi: “All the smartest people are left-handed.”

Gomes: “Of course.”

Moi: “Why did you choose to be a teacher? When did you know that’s what you wanted?”

Gomes, shrugging, smiling: “That’s the first thing I ever wanted to be.”



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Would Like to Wish  
All our Members and Friends  
in the Greenbelt Community  
Happy Holidays!  
May Your Homes and Hearts  
be Filled with Peace, Hope and  
Joy this Season and in  
the New Year.*



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Misinformation, which would not be in short supply over the ensuing weeks, sprouted up almost immediately when a gardener on the premises told her he had heard the clearing was being done to create an additional garden plot.

Kastner sent an email to Celia Craze, director of planning and community development and staff liaison to FPAB, and to Lesley Riddle, assistant director of public works for parks, who oversees woodlands work done by city crews. Craze, who was out of town for the holiday, was unaware of any clearing being done by the city. At first she wondered if Pepco had wandered into the forest preserve and run amok with its tree trimming. She also checked with Greenbelt Homes, Inc. to be sure they hadn't been working in the area.

Riddle, who was out of the office for a week, reported that a crew had been scheduled to do maintenance work in the garden area, including removal of invasive vegetation and trash, as well as some trimming.

Petition to City Council

Because Kastner thought the work being done was beyond the scope of what was permitted by the management and maintenance guidelines for the preserve and, because she believed the clearing had not been stopped, she sent a petition to the December 10 regular meeting of council requesting a public statement about the work, its purpose and whether it had been condoned by anyone

from city government.

At the meeting, Mayor Judith Davis asked for a written report from staff and said that Riddle and Craze would both attend an emergency FPAB meeting called for December 13 to discuss the matter with the board. Davis said her understanding was that clearing had been done in error. At the council meeting she discouraged discussion, saying council should have more information.

Nearly 20 people attended the December 13 FPAB meeting, including board members, a number of people affiliated with the Greenbelt Community Garden Club, as well as Craze, Riddle and Councilmember Rodney Roberts. Kastner called the meeting, she said, because there had been so much conflicting information she thought everyone needed to get on the same page. She stressed that because FPAB has responsibility for oversight and education regarding the preserve, it was important that they have access to accurate and consistent information.

Garden Boundaries

Although Kastner said she had planned on using the meeting time primarily to discuss restoration efforts, most of the meeting was spent instead in discussing what had happened in the garden area, why it happened, and "who knew what when." In addition, the group discussed a contributing factor: the need to more clearly define boundaries between the gardens and the preserve.

The issue had been identified as a significant problem last July in a worksession of council with the Garden Club.

Craze explained that the clearing that was supposed to have been done had been agreed to in response to a request by garden club members at the July meeting to remove invasive vegetation and to mow edges of pathways to improve access. Although the gardens are located in the preserve, they are defined as a contingency use, with the result that public works crews may remove invasive vegetation and trees, dead and unhealthy trees, as well as pruning canopy branches that block the sun, in order to keep the gardens functional. Because of other work, the Public Works Department had put this work off until November.

It Was a Mistake

Although Riddle thought the work crew had a clear understanding of the scope of work and its relevant boundaries, they apparently had not. As a result, they had gone considerably further than authorized in removing invasive vines and trees.

In a December 10 memo from Riddle to City Manager Michael McLaughlin, she said this overstepping had been a mistake not the result of any ill intent. She said the excessive removal occurred mostly in areas of heavily invasive wisteria and that, in addition to the vegetation, substantial garbage and debris accumulated from years of garden use had also been removed.

Despite assurances, written and verbal, from Riddle and Craze that this was simply a mistake – that the city had dispatched crew members to do work but that the crew had kept on going beyond the authorized limits – the notion that all of this work must have been done at the city's behest seemed as persistent as the wisteria.

In an email to some members of the Garden Club, Craze said that all of the work which had been done was for the purpose of removing invasive vegetation and for clearing to provide better access. In context, it is clear she intended to convey that none of the work, authorized or not, was for the purpose of creating a new garden plot or for any other purpose; however, her remark was referenced by Kastner a number of times as implying that "all" of the work had been ordered by the city.

When Did It Stop?

No certain information has been provided on whether any clearing might have continued on Wednesday, November 21, the day after Kastner emailed Riddle and Craze. The city was closed for Thanksgiving from November 22 through November 25. Riddle said when she was able to return to work on Monday, November 26 and inspected the site, she stopped all clearing and tree removal and directed the crew to clean up all the brush and trash that had been created by their work. McLaughlin also contacted Public Works on the

26th, confirming the stop-work and cleanup orders.

Kastner and Roberts both believed, however, that clearing had not stopped immediately. Roberts made two calls to McLaughlin, one to report the work in progress and a second to ask why it had not yet been stopped. There is some question about the timing of these calls, though McLaughlin believes he may have received them at home on November 25 and December 2.

In response to the second call, McLaughlin said he explained that although there had been no clearing after the Thanksgiving weekend, extensive cleanup from the completed work had indeed been undertaken.

Moving On

Eventually everyone has agreed it was time to put the occurrence behind them and to try to move forward. There was agreement as well that avoiding future problems required priority. They agreed staff should work together with the Garden Club to determine a method for delineating boundaries for the garden area and physically marking them.

At its next meeting on January 24, FPAB will review the process laid out in preserve guidelines for the garden area and for what work requires advance notice to FPAB to be sure that guidelines provide sufficient direction for both board and staff. The board will also discuss a restoration plan for areas that had been cleared by mistake in November.

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# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or [http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly\\_report.pdf](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf). Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

### Robbery

December 14, 8:51 p.m., Greenway Center. A man tried to grab a woman's purse as she walked past him. She was able to hang on to it and the man fled. He is described as being black, with a thin build and having a thin mustache, wearing a black hooded sweat jacket.

### Disorderly Conduct

December 14, 6:35 p.m., Greenway Center. A 45-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. He was released on citation pending trial.

December 18, 6:01 p.m., Greenway Center. A 25-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. He was released on citation pending trial.

### Trespassing

December 15, 6:58 p.m., 6000 block, Greenbelt Road.. A 45-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with trespassing on private property. He was released on citation pending trial.

December 19, 7:12 a.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. A 25-year-old nonresident woman was arrested and charged with trespassing on posted property. She was released on citation pending trial.

### Burglary

December 14, 1:34 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. Electronics were taken.

December 14, 10:35 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. Electronics were taken.

December 15, 9:04 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. Electronics were taken.

### Vehicle Crime

One vehicle was stolen, a silver 2012 Mazda van with Md. tags, taken from the 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive.

A 2012 Ford van, reported stolen through Prince George's County Police, was recovered in the 9100 block Edmonston Terrace. No arrests were made.

An attempted auto theft occurred in the area of Cherrywood Court at Cherrywood Lane.

Multiple thefts from autos were reported: 7900 block Mandan Road (stereo, wallet and airbag), 7900 block Mandan Road (airbag), 7200 block Mandan Road (airbag), 9200 block Edmonston Road (lapel pins), 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace (rear Md. tag), 6200 block Breezewood Drive (tools), 6400 block Capitol Drive (iPod), 7400 block Morrison Drive (attempted theft), 7800 block Mandan Road (center caps from the vehicle's wheels), 7100 block Ora Court (purse).

Reports of vandalism in the following locations were received: 7900 block Brooks Place (car window was broken), Cherrywood Terrace at Cherrywood Court (windshield was broken), 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive (windows were broken on two vehicles), 9100 block Edmonston Road (car window was broken), 6100 block Greenbelt Road (car window was broken), 8 Court Laurel Hill Road (car door jamb was damaged).

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management mentioned they have sponsored 22 major community events over the past two years, have bolstered their recycling program and are close to completion of consolidation of all of the individual building laundry rooms into larger, centrally located modern laundry facilities. They also said the vacancy rate for the complex is down to approximately 10 percent.

### Planning

Craze provided a written report on issues tracked by her department that included a marked reduction in resident complaints. Although the number of complaints is greatly reduced, primary issues raised by residents stem from infestation, water leaks and resulting defective surface conditions from those leaks.

Craze noted that property exteriors indicate improvements and repairs. She noted that dumpster issues raised last year have been addressed. However, unlike the exterior improvements, the interior common areas continue to require additional and ongoing attention. She said the now-vacant laundry rooms in individual buildings are experiencing water leaks from lack of attention to fixtures left by the contractor removing the laundry equipment.

Franklin Park representatives said they are in the process of remedying these issues. Craze also expressed concern that the now vacant laundry rooms remain prone to break-ins and that the owners need to insure they remain secure.

In addition, Craze said her staff continues to see during their

annual inspections and during day-to-day inspections a number of "discharged" fire extinguishers. She has encouraged Franklin Park to identify alternatives for the building entry fire extinguishers.

### Annual Inspections

With some minor exceptions, all 2011 annual inspection violations have been addressed. Craze reported that the remaining 2012 violation notices stem from important safety issues such as repairs to fire walls, replacement of fire doors and providing the city with a fire suppression system report. That report would include the sprinkler system, pull stations and pressure hydrant tests. Craze emphasized that such a report should be supplied by the end of this year, and that all deficiencies should be repaired no later than January 31.

Another outstanding issue is a lack of permits for Franklin Park's identification and directional signs erected last year by the owners. Craze reminded Franklin Park that city and county permits are required and continuation of this zoning violation remains a code violation that cannot be allowed.

She indicated that securing the necessary permits will be an item in the 2013 annual inspection report and, if not resolved by the time the 2013 annual license expires, the 2014 annual license will not be issued. Her report also stipulated that all outstanding violation notices since Fieldstone Properties acquired the complex will need to be resolved or no license will be issued for the licensing year beginning June 1 and running through May 31,

2014.

### Public Safety Issues

Public safety issues were addressed by Captain Kemp and the other police representatives. He presented crime trends from 2010 through 2012 indicating, that while Franklin Park represented 56 percent of all crimes committed in Greenbelt, overall crime was down in all categories throughout the city except for burglaries.

He also noted that rise in burglaries is a regional trend which nearly all Maryland police agencies are dealing with. He and Sgt. Triesky discussed recent gains made in addressing the burglary problems but were necessarily hesitant to discuss specific details about the various methods used by the department to address the problem.

They discussed police efforts in teaming with the Franklin Park staff during the past year to implement more stringent criminal history checks, quicker action to remove known lawbreakers from the property, the use of security cameras and the use of private security.

Kemp also noted that the "Agents as Owners" program, where Greenbelt officers are able to arrest individuals who commit crimes in private developments as "trespassers" if they return to the area after having been notified, remains a viable and successful program.

MPO Holland, as long time Greenbelt officer and Franklin Park resident, reported firsthand how he has seen overall safety improve over the past year or so in Franklin Park.

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## Police Issue Identity Theft Reminders

The Greenbelt Police Department reminds residents to protect themselves from identity theft, which continues as one of the fastest growing crimes in America, affecting half a million new victims each year. The following advice will help:

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wish to remember and the children and adults killed in the recent tragedy in Newtown, Conn.

**Roundtable Conversations**

Following an intermission, there will be a lively roundtable conversation of Greenbelters from various walks of community life. Folks will discuss what it's been like to grow up and or/live in Greenbelt as well as what their vision of what our town may look like for the 100th anniversary.

Among the community groups being contacted to join the discussion are Fire Department volunteers, the Utopia Film Festival, Garden Club, Boys & Girls Club, the Writers Group, "Green Stems," an embryonic business in Roosevelt Center and the Camp Fire Patuxent Area Council, which serves residents of Franklin Park. Among individuals who have agreed to participate in this community round table is former minister of Greenbelt Community Church Dan Hamlin.

Then Geff King and Doug Way, veteran bluegrass guitarists of the New Deal Café and other venues, will strum instruments. Besides good music they, too, have been known to inject some elements of humor.

Doug Love's short original play "The Man of the Century" comes next, giving audiences a view of the future. Love always has an important message in various forms of expression: theater, exploration (e.g., the city's observatory), his work with Greenbelt Access Televi-

sion and insightful comments at council meetings.

The program will next feature karaoke – so get those vocal chords ready.

**Dancing Onstage**  
The wrap-up will be dancing onstage, just as folks did at the "People's Dance Party," following a performance of the Alight Dance Company's performance last February.

Dancing at a Greenbelt venue won't be a new experience for older Greenbelters who were here in the 60s. In that era, teens could catch schoolmates performing in bands and dance to their tunes at "The Teen Club" and "Kava Club."

As patrons dance away 2012, they will "strut their stuff" to tunes which might include signature pieces ranging from Glenn Miller to Frank Sinatra, from Bobby Darin to Elvis, Marvin Gaye to Stevie Wonder, Green Day to Justin Bieber.

2012 concludes with patrons from the Arts Center, New Deal Café and those attending services at the Restoration Church at the Old Greenbelt Theatre all joining together at Roosevelt Center Mall to sing "Auld Lang Syne." At midnight, the movie theater's marquee will come back on, with letters spelling out "Greenbelt," marking the beginning of 2013.

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about the data; you have to follow concrete evidence and are constantly asking yourself, 'How did they do on the test?'"

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"It's good to know what infer-

ence means, right?"

"Oh yes," Barulli smiled (condescendingly?) "I get them to say 'I infer' rather than 'I think' that something is true or correct. And they explain why to me."

And she ended our very pleasant interview with a big smile: "Time to get Luke."

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Condolences to the family and friends of Pauline Grant, 86, of Lakecrest Drive, who died December 12, 2012. Born in Wales, she became a U.S. citizen in 1971 and was a retired teacher from the Prince George's County schools. She was an accomplished knitter and craftswoman who enjoyed volunteering in educational and political fields.

**Congratulations to:**  
– Public Works Director Ken Hall and Police Captain Daniel O'Neil for receiving special recognition at the annual Greenbelt City Employees Holiday Party for their length of city service. Hall has worked 40 years for the city; O'Neil, 35 years. Numerous other employees also were recognized for shorter lengths of service with the city as well.

– John Hayes, a Greenbelt newcomer, whose Sci-fi poem, "Alien Lover," was published in the autumn issue of Shelter of Darkness.

Happy birthday to former Greenbelter Charlotte Clinedinst, who turns 98 on January 1.

Happy New Year to all Our Neighbors!

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Franklin Park). To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at [newsreview@verizon.net](mailto:newsreview@verizon.net) or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

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The walk start point is the Owen Brown Community Center, 6800 Cradlerock Way, Columbia. Bring a can of non-perishable food item for food pantry. For brochure email wahasse@ix.netcom.com. There is a fee.



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Doors open by 7:15 p.m., with the program starting at 7:30 p.m. There is a nominal fee.

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### Free Vocal Concert At National Gallery

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**Greenbriar** - Modern 2 br. 2 ba. unit with remodeled kitchen. Enclosed balcony for more living space. Insulated windows, well-lit nearby parking. Nice!

**Block Townhome With Addition** - 2 bedroom townhome with primary room addition. Call now to see this great home! **SOLD**

**3 Bedroom GHI Townhome** - Currently being remodeled by GHI. Fresh paint and refinished flooring. Adjacent to bus stop & Protected Woodlands. \$99,900

**Block End Unit w/ Large Corner Lot** - One of the largest yards in GHI. Remodeled throughout. Large floorplan with extra storage closets. Very Nice!

**3 BR GHI Townhome With Addition** - Separate laundry room and storage. Refinished oak hardwood flooring, opened kitchen. Fenced yards. \$99,000

**Single-Level Living In GHI** - 1 BR GHI home on 3000 sq. ft. lot. Beautifully remodeled kitchen, refinished oak floors. Crown mould. & more! \$67,000 **SOLD**

**Brick End Unit - Large Yard** 3 BR brick with tile floors. End unit with large corner lot. Remodeled with modern kitchen and bathrooms. NICE! **SOLD**

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## Gift Wrapping Teams and Tree Trimmers Were Hard at Work in Greenbelt



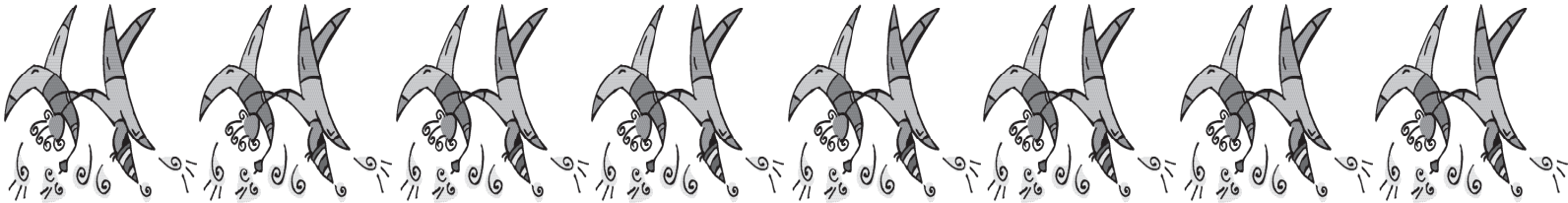
Dennis Boles (center) is the coordinator of the Lions Club gift wrapping team. He is also students of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, wrap gifts at the Greenbelt Lions Club table at Beltway Plaza. Proceeds go to vision-related charity projects.

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Pastor Stephen Mentz decorates a tree at Holy Cross Lutheran Church.



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